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Hailey Administrative Site
(U.S. Forest Administrative Site)
Sawtooth National Forest
309 South Main Street
Hailey
Blaine County
Idaho

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY
HAILEY ADMINISTRATIVE SITE, (U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site)

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I. INTRODUCTION

Location: 309 South Main Street; bounded by Walnut Street to the north and Pine Street to the south; Lots 4-8 and 13-20 of Block 20, Hailey, Blaine County, Idaho.

Quad: Center of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 18 East, 1967 U.S.G.S. Hailey Quadrangle, 7.5 minute, Boise Meridian.

UTM coordinates: Zone 11, 717150mE, 4821550mN

Present Owner: Mike and Joan O'Neil, Ketchum, Idaho.

Present Occupant: Storeroom - Storage
Office - Community Women's Resource Center
Garage/Equipment Building - Seed Catalog Company
Garage - Commercial Bakery
Oil House - Unoccupied

Present Use: Three of the buildings are being commercially used, one of the buildings is unoccupied, and one of the buildings is being used by the community of Hailey.

Significance: The compound was the Supervisor's Office of the Sawtooth National Forest from 1933 to 1953. It is typical of Forest Service compounds constructed during the Depression Era, and retains much of its original character.

II. HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST AND OF THE HAILEY ADMINISTRATIVE SITE

The Sawtooth Forest Reserve was created on May 29, 1905, by proclamation of President Theodore Roosevelt. Named for the jagged appearance of its mountains, the original Reserve contained 1,947,520 acres. The first Forest Supervisor, F. A. Fenn was stationed in Boise and was responsible for the Weiser and Payette Forest Reserves, as well as the Sawtooth (Anonymous 1941:14, 31).

On March 4, 1907, the name of the Sawtooth Forest Reserve was changed to Sawtooth National Forest. That same spring, Fenn transferred to the Clearwater Forest, and his assistant, Emil Grandjean, became Acting Forest Supervisor for the Sawtooth. The office remained in Boise (Anonymous 1941:31; Bowen 1987:21; Smith 1983:41).

In February of 1908 ... the Sawtooth National Forest, was split into the Sawtooth National Forest (East) and Sawtooth National Forest (West), with supervisors' offices at Hailey and Boise to administer the two divisions. Emil Grandjean became supervisor of the west division, and C. N. Woods was appointed supervisor of the east division. This arrangement proved cumbersome, and President Roosevelt made sweeping changes in the national forests of Idaho. By executive order dated June 26, 1908, the Challis National Forest was created out of portions of the Sawtooth (East), Salmon River, and Lemhi national forests. A second order, dated July 1, 1908, created the Boise National Forest from portions of the Sawtooth (West) and the original Payette Forest Reserve. The Payette National Forest was redrawn by providing some lands for the creation of the Idaho National Forest and absorbing parts of the original Weiser and Sawtooth forest reserves. What remained of the former Sawtooth Forest (East) then became the Sawtooth National Forest, with headquarters at Hailey. (Smith 1983:41-42).

Early in 1908, Clarence N. Woods, the new supervisor of the Sawtooth National Forest, opened an office in Hailey (Anonymous 1941:19). This probably was in rented space. In 1933, land was purchased for a new Supervisor's Office, which is described fully in accompanying documents. As soon as this new office complex was completed, the Forest Supervisor's staff vacated rooms on the second floor of the Hailey National Bank building, on the southeast corner of Main and Bullion Streets. This had served as the Supervisor's Office for many years, possibly since 1908 (McLeod 1938:114; Sliger 1976).

HAILEY ADMINISTRATIVE SITE

On September 19, 1933, Acting Regional Forester Clarence N. Woods wrote to the Sawtooth National Forest that purchase of a site and construction of an office building and warehouse were authorized. For the two buildings, expenditures of \$4200 and \$3000 respectively were approved (Woods 1933). Anticipating authorization and a refund, on August 15, 1933 Forest Supervisor Miller S. Benedict had used his

own funds to purchase the site: Lots 4 through 8 of Block 20 of the original and revised Hailey Municipal Plan (Fuld 1933). The purchase was for \$392.00 from Arthur L. and Edith May Holgate of Reno, Nevada (Warranty Deed 1933). Collectively these lots measured 150 feet by 120 feet and faced east onto U. S. Highway 93 (now State Highway 75), which is Main Street in Hailey. Three buildings were constructed on this location: an office (Building #1610), a storeroom (Building #1304), and a four-car garage (Building #1327), all built in 1933 (Benedict 1933).

On August 9, 1935, Lots 13 through 20 of Block 20 of the original and revised Hailey Municipal Plan were purchased for \$300.00 from the same Arthur L. and Edith May Holgate (Prevot 1938). Collectively these lots measured 240 feet by 120 feet. They were located directly west of lots 4-8, and faced west onto River Street. The two groups of lots were separated by a 26 foot wide alley whose upkeep was accepted by the federal government. Two buildings were erected on this location: an oil house (Building #1328), built in 1936(?), and a garage and equipment building (Building #1326), built in 1938 and 1939.

Thus, five structures comprised the Hailey Administrative Site:

Structures at the Hailey Administrative Site (State No. 10BN117)

Bldg. No.	FS Site No.	Building Function or Name	Year Built	Plan
1304	SW-298-1	storeroom	1933	R4-33
1610	SW-298-2	office	1933	R4-54
1326	SW-298-3	garage/equip. bldg.	1938-39	R4-35
1327	SW-298-4	garage	1933	R4-33
1328	SW-298-5	oil house	1936?	R4-95A

In the mid-1930's, prior to construction of the garage/equipment building and oil house, the landscaping of the site was described as follows:

All of the present buildings are located on Lots 4 to 8 facing to the East on Main Street. These lots were filled in and leveled up to the Main street level. The office is located on the north side of the lots with warehouse and garage in back. A shale driveway, with concrete curbing, cuts the lots almost center East and West and gives a direct drive into the four-car garage. The lots South of the driveway are seeded to lawn in the center of which was erected a monument to the "Pioneer Prospector" and a sun dial and a large redwood block, all placed in line. A concrete sidewalk from the main walk, extends out to these objects. The office building has lawn on front and two sides, the back area around the warehouse and garage being shale for driveway purposes. The entire lawn is watered by an underground sprinkling systems. Across the front of the lots and on one side of the office building are spaced five small Spruce trees. On the extreme North and South boundaries of the lots running full length is a cobble-rock wall two feet above the level of the ground and a low concrete curbing between the main street and the front walk.

There is a two foot shale area between the curbing and the walk. Lots 13 to 20, back of lots 4 to 8, and facing west are, as yet, unimproved. At present they serve as a location for the antenna [sic] towers and it is contemplated later to put up a warehouse on these lots for large equipment, and to provide more storage room. There is a 26' alley between these lots and lots 4 to 8 (Anonymous n.d.a and n.d.b).

At an unknown date the monument, sundial, redwood block, and sidewalk thereto, as well as the driveway running westward from Main Street, were removed and the ground seeded in grass. The antenna towers on the back lots (13-20) were removed prior to construction of the garage/equipment building and the oil house, and after that construction the ground surrounding these buildings was covered with shale.

This 1930's complex served as the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office for nearly 20 years. Then, on July 1, 1953, the Minidoka and Sawtooth National Forests were consolidated under the name of the latter. The two Forest Supervisor's Offices--in Burley and Hailey respectively--were combined into one in Twin Falls. The old Hailey site became the office of the Hailey District Ranger, until that district was abolished in 1972. Thereafter the compound served as a work station for the Forest's construction and maintenance crew until the site was exchanged out of federal ownership on October 30, 1992. All five structures still exist.

III. REFERENCES CITED

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Bowen, Gordon S.

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Fuld, Joseph W.

- 1933 [September 18, 1933 receipt from M. S. Benedict of \$392.00 for purchase of Lots 4, 5, 6, and 8 of Block 20, Hailey].

McLeod, George A.

- 1938 *History of Alturas and Blaine Counties, Idaho*, revised edition. Hailey, Idaho: The Hailey Times.

P[revo], W. [J.]

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Warranty Deed

1933 [August 15, 1933 warranty deed for Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Block 20, Hailey, Idaho, from Arthur L. and Edith May Holgate for \$392.00].

Woods, C. N.

1933 [September 19, 1933 letter to Sawtooth National Forest authorizing construction of office and warehouse at Hailey administrative site].

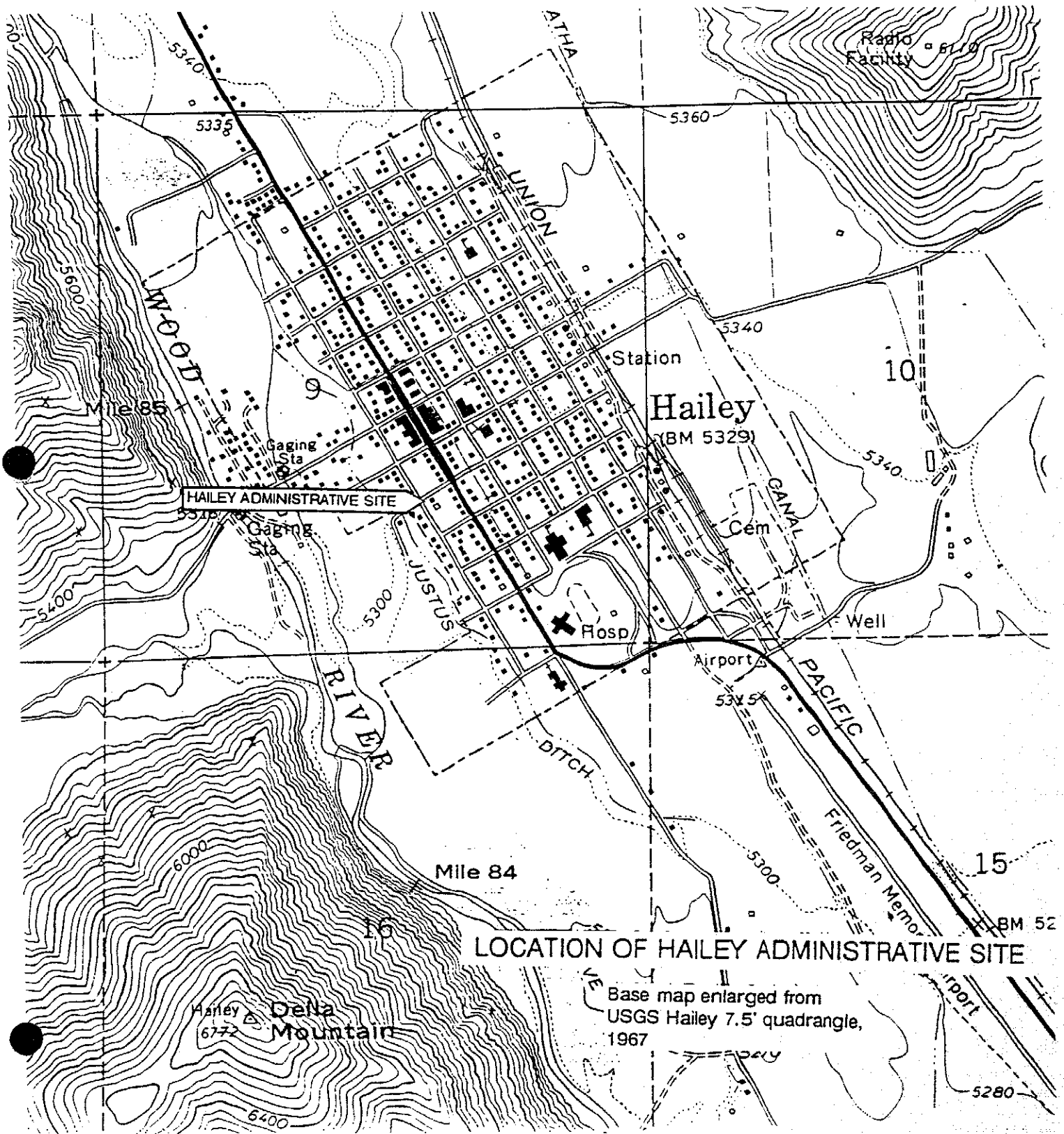
PART IV: PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Purpose of Documentation

1. The Forest Service exchanged this property out of federal ownership on October 30, 1992. As no restrictive covenants were included, mitigation by HABS documentation is appropriate.

B. Report Preparation

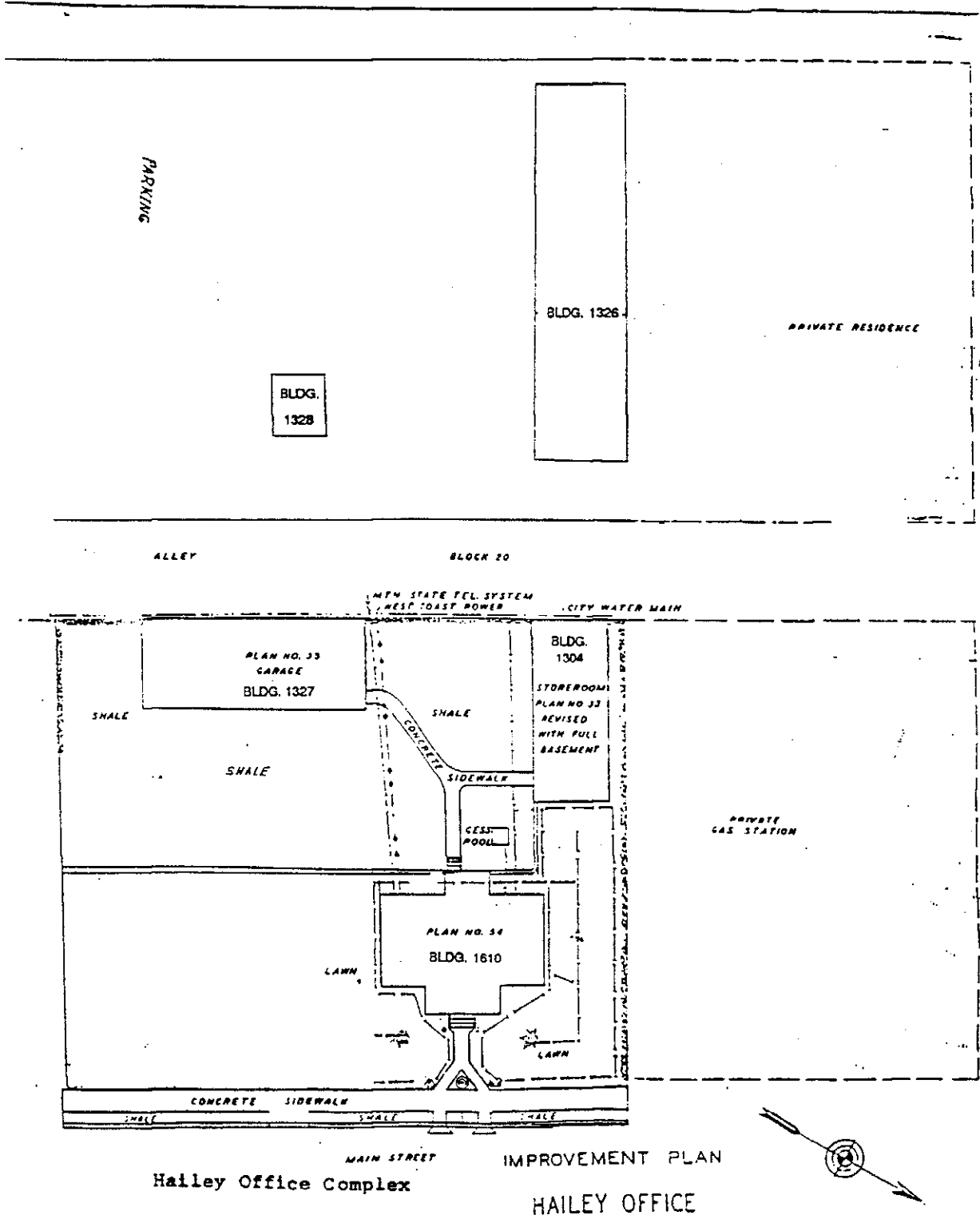
1. Richard T. Malouf, Forest Archaeologist, Sawtooth National Forest, prepared the narrative and drawings September - October, 1992. Eva Jenkins, Weber State Archaeological Laboratory, prepared the photographs in June, 1989.



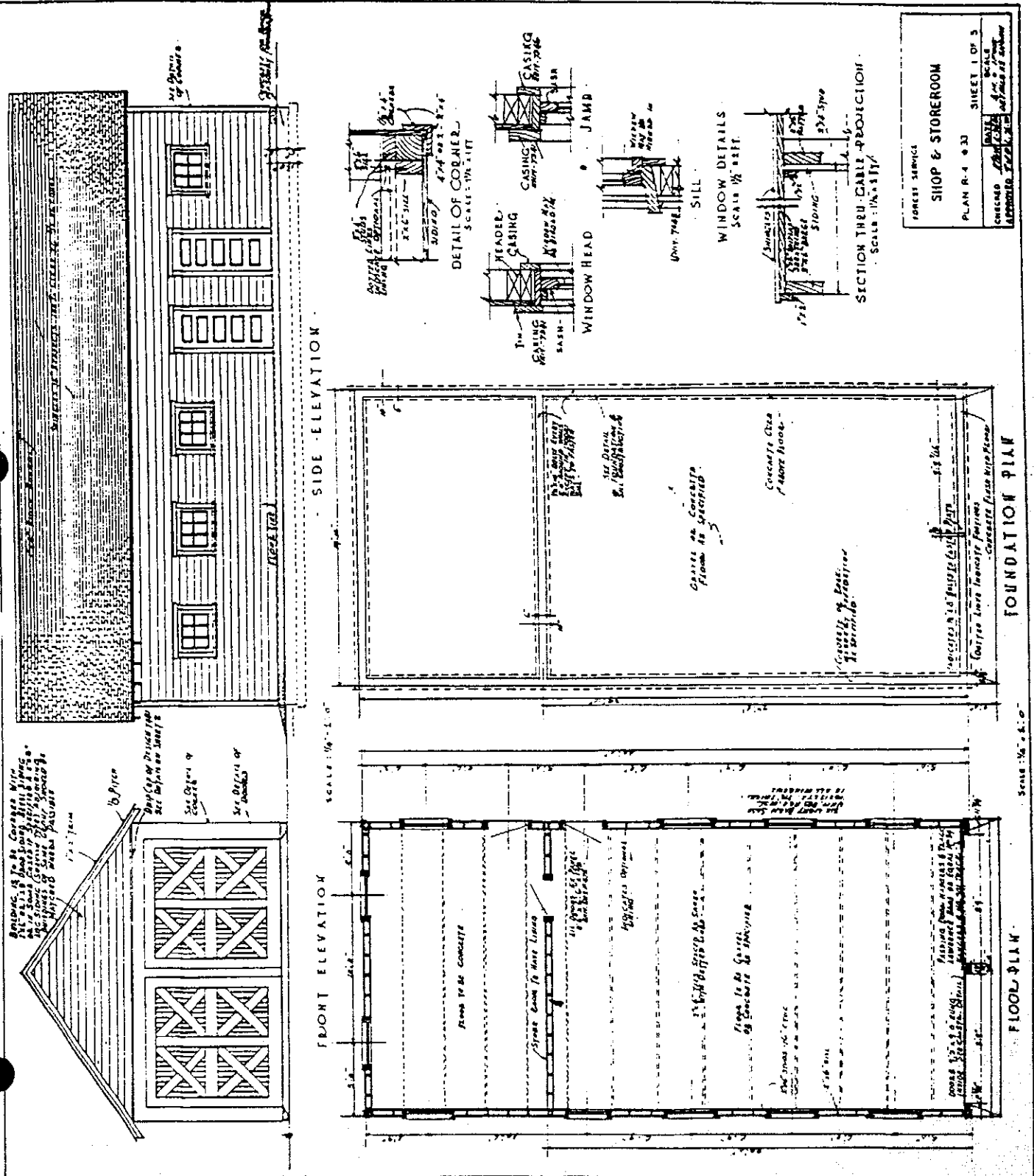
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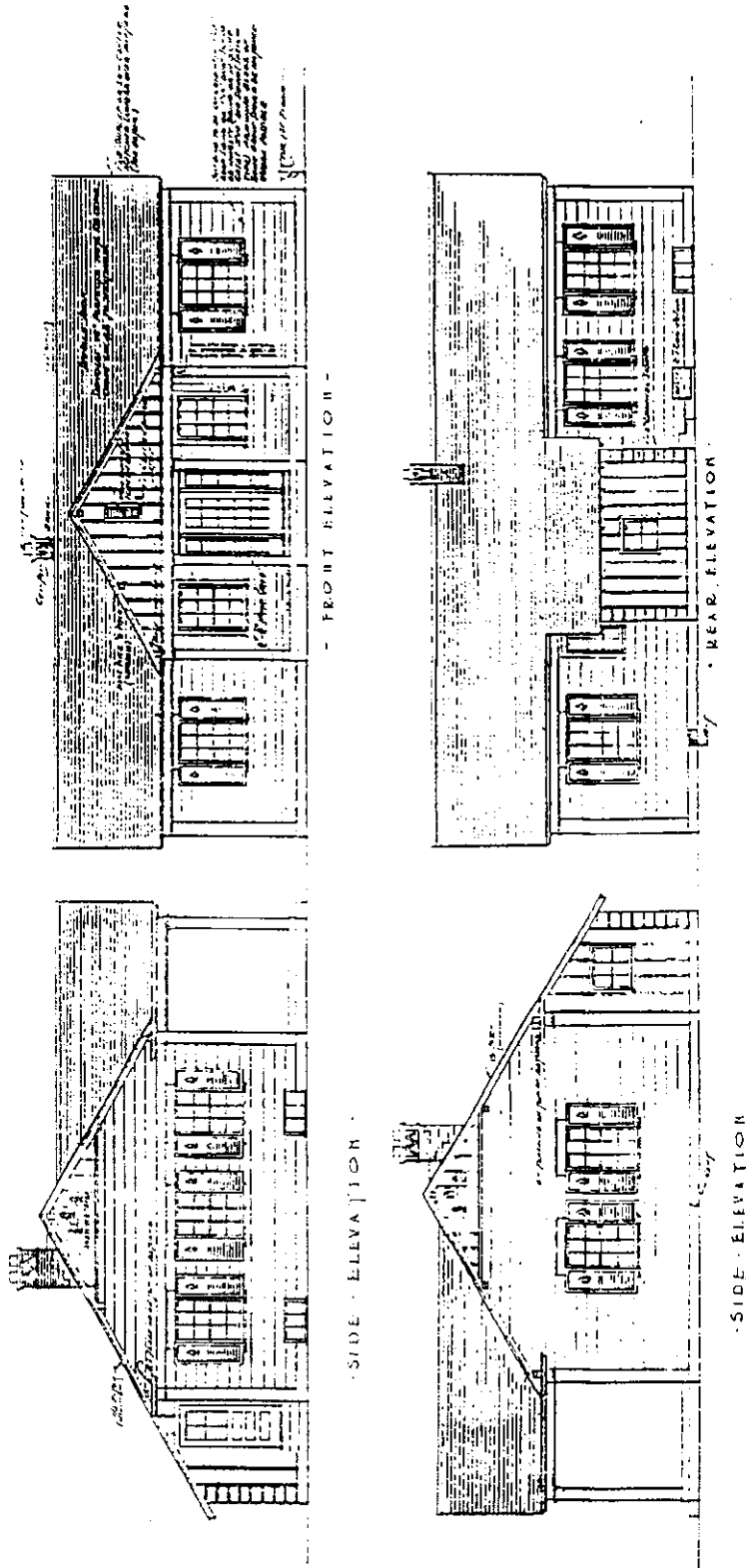
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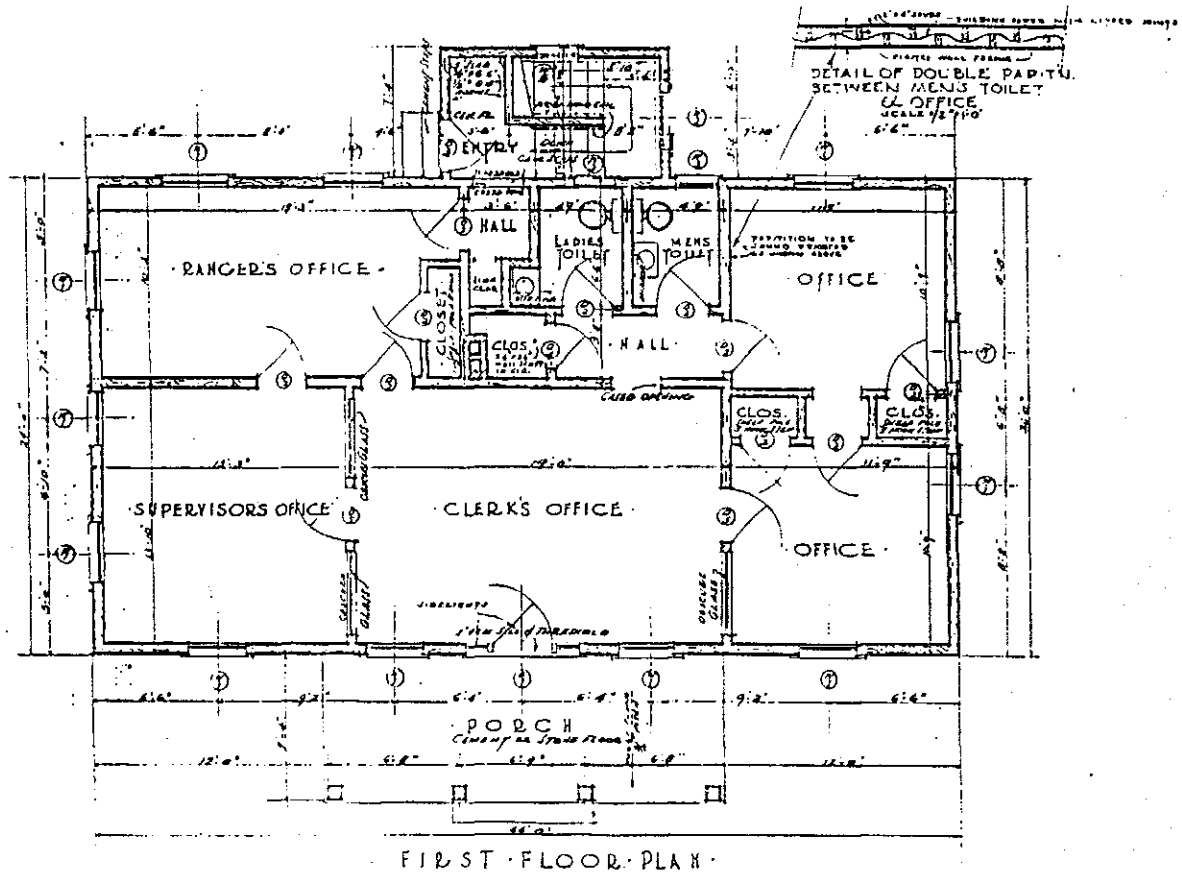
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OFFICE BUILDING
from STANDARD PLAN R4-54

SCALE: $1'' = 12'$

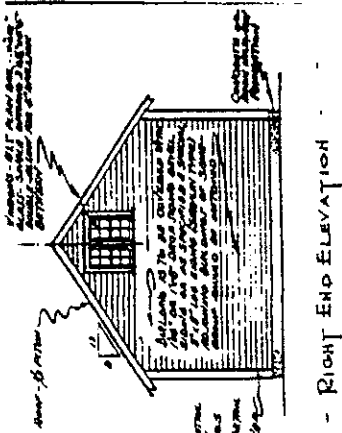


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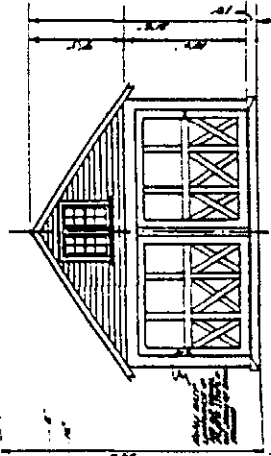
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MAIN FLOOR PLAN

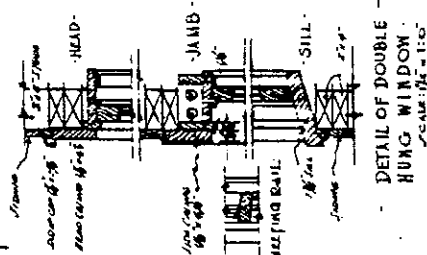
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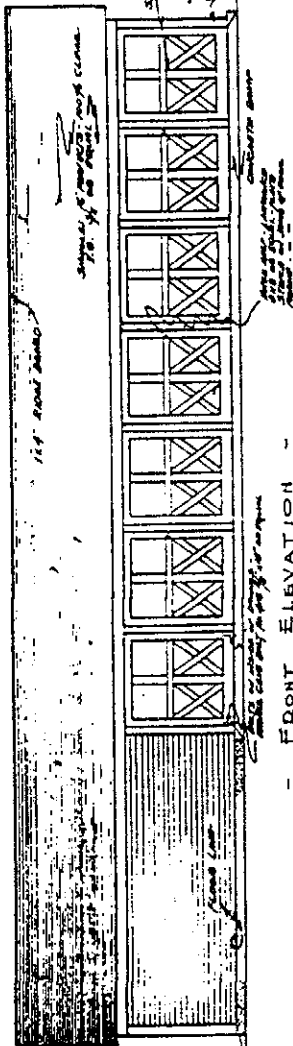


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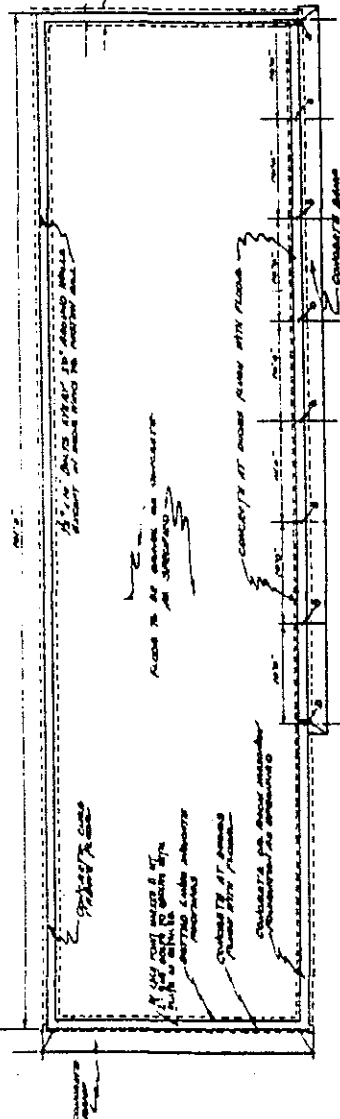


DETAIL OF DOUBLE -
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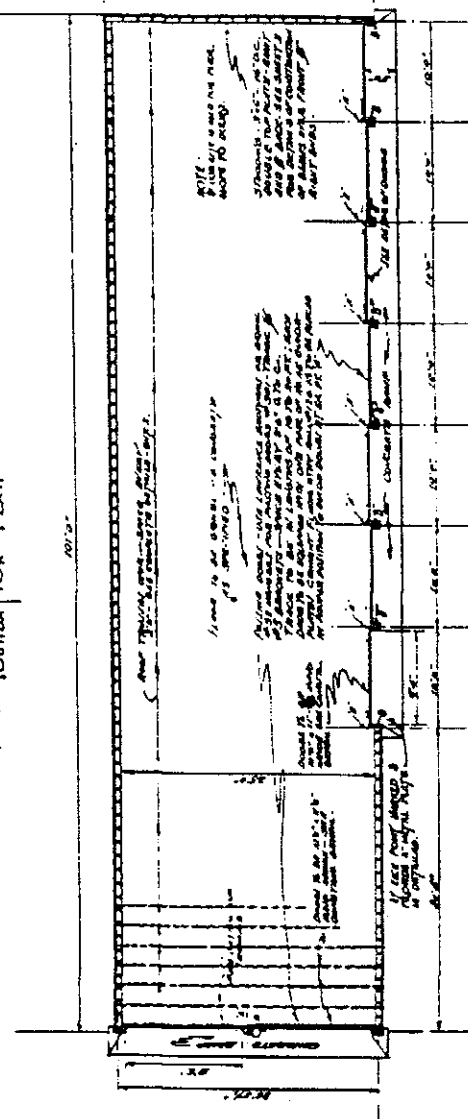
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Front Elevation



- Foundation Plan -



- FLOOR PLAN -
SCALE: 1" = 18'

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